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Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

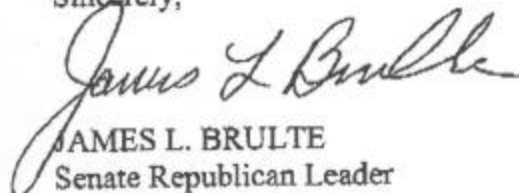
I write to express my concerns about the proposed regulation 18531.6. This section interprets section 85316 added to the Political Reform Act when voters approved Proposition 34 last November.

I am particularly concerned about the various options proposed by Commission staff that would allow all officeholders elected prior to January 1, 2001 to raise money in unlimited amounts. Any interpretation of Proposition 34 that permits fundraising outside of the contribution limits enacted by the voters would violate the spirit of Proposition 34. The only exceptions should relate to elections held prior to January 1, 2001 and candidates for statewide office.

The approach taken by the Legislative Counsel establishes a framework that allows legislators to raise funds needed for future elections, for expenses associated with a legislator's duties, and for the continued costs of complying with the Political Reform Act. The Commission should consider his opinion as you interpret section 85316.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


JAMES L. BRULTE
Senate Republican Leader

